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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the Abstract to remove the title of the invention from the sheet as follows:

~~SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SUPPRESSING SILENCE IN VOICE TRAFFIC
OVER AN ASYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATION MEDIUM~~

ABSTRACT

A method and system for increasing the efficiency of providing bandwidth for voice traffic to a data provider via asynchronous communication mediums is provided. This is generally accomplished by not transmitting any data during the silence periods and playing out background noise (i.e., comfort noise) at the other end, to obtain significant bandwidth savings.